(b) if so, what is the outcome of the conference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) (a) A Conference of Chief Ministers of Bihar, Orissa, U.P., and West Bengal presided by Union Minister of Agriculture was held at Patna on 8th January, 1986 to consider the recommendations of the Committee on Agricultural Productivity in Eastern India (Dr. S.R. Sen Committee.)

(b) The State Governments agreed to implement the recommedations of the Committee, initially within the frame work of the existing plan outlays.

Subarnarekha Project in the Singhbhum District of Bihar

70. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleasd to state :

(a) whether the Subarnarekha Project in the Singhbhum District of Bihar is in the process of implementation;

(b) if so, what is the extent of implementation till date;

(c) what steps have been taken to avoid time-over run and cost escalation;

(d) whether the cost of rehabilitation of villages who will lose their land, has been included in the cost of project; and

(e) if so, what are the details of the schemes of the rehabilitation for the displaced villagers ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Out of the estimated cost of Rs. 480.9 crores, an expenditure of Rs. 87.85 crores has been incurred upto the end of VI Plan.

(c) The project is being monitored by Central water Commission and remedial action taken for removal of bottlenecks.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The displaced villagers will be resettled in rehabilitation colonies where essential amenities like roads, drinking water supply, schools, tubewells, health centres, community hall etc. will be provided. 0.25 acre of plot will be provided to each family or equivalent cash compensation to those who wish to settle elsewhere. Each family will also be given lumpsum exgratia grant. Suitable persons among the oustees will be employed on the project. Oustees will also be given contract works at the rehabilitation sites. Seats are also reserved for the oustees for training in Industrial Training institutes at Chaibasa and Ranchi so that their employment prospects improves.

Tribunal for Division of Ravi-Beas Waters

71. SHRIMATI KRISHANA KAUL : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether tribunal for division of waters of Ravi-Beas has recently been appointed by the Central Government; and

(b) if so, what are the terms of reference of the same ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) In pursuance of the Punjab Memorandum of Settlement the Central Government has constituted the Ravi and Beas Waters Tribunal on 25-1-1986 and has referred the following matters to it for verification and adjudication:—

(1) The farmers of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan will continue to get water not less than what they were